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THE SECRETARY OF STATE

September 10, 1981

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From : Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *AH*

1. Pakistan. President Zia has accepted the proposals outlined in your letter to him, delivered by Jim Buckley, for delivery of at least six F-16s no later than twelve months following the signing of the Letter of Offer and Agreement. He hoped that we might increase the early delivery to "half a squadron" (eight planes), but left this up to us. Zia reiterated his appreciation for the rest of the military/economic package worked out in earlier discussions. Pakistan's initial military purchases will be limited by the availability of outside financing and we have agreed to intervene with the Saudis on Pakistan's behalf. Jim stressed that our entire program would be jeopardized if key members of Congress came to believe that Pakistan was not fully cooperative with the IAEA in upgrading safeguards at Pakistan's nuclear power facility. He emphasized and reemphasized that this was not a question of right, or wrong, or legalities, but of perceptions. If the Congress perceived that the Pakistanis were being dilatory, then the political backlash could be disastrous for our new relationship. Zia ordered the head of his nuclear energy program, Munir Khan, to lean over backwards to meet the IAEA requests as far as possible, without jeopardizing the safety or security of the plant, technicians or operations.
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2. Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System (ANGTS). Mitchell Sharp, Commissioner of the Canadian Northern Pipeline Agency, saw Mike Rashish Wednesday. He said that Canada was not asking for a guarantee that the ANGTS pipeline be built but only that the path be cleared for the project to seek private financing. He made no specific comments on what waivers should be sought. But Mitchell feared that if the Administration did not decide on a position soon, the pipeline would be killed by inaction. The U.S. would then face some serious political consequences in Canada. Time is rapidly running out for an Administration decision on the pipeline. The law allows the Congress 60 days to consider a waiver package. If we are to get action before the end of this session, we have perhaps two weeks to get your final approval on submitting such a package. Delay beyond that could put Congressional action into the next session. We agree with Sharp's forecasts that this delay could kill the pipeline's chances. (C)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Secretary Haig's Evening Report

Attached is Secretary Haig's Evening Report for September 10, 1981.

CC: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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